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Appln. No.: 09/449,738 )  
Filed: November 26, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
DATA PROCESSING METHOD, )  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Introductory Comments

In response to the final Official Action dated January 30, 2004, please amend the  
application as follows: